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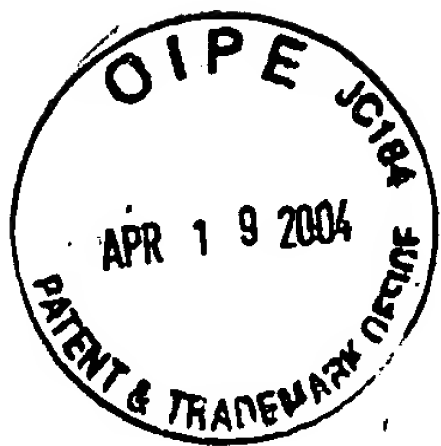
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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 11, 2004, in the above-identified application. Enclosed please find a new brief, in triplicate, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.192(c). Applicants respectfully submit that no argument is made for separate patentability of any claim. Claims 1-3 and 5 stand or fall together.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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